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Public Health and Sanitation

Grant to the Cumbum Taluk Board for village development during 1932–33.

*518 *Q.*—S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount granted to Cumbum Taluk Board for village development and the amount spent by the board last year, 1932–33; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the president of this taluk board was not able to utilize the whole by a mistake?

A.—(*a*) No amount was granted.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

Appointment of Water Works Supervisor by the Chairman, Municipal Council, Ootacamund.

*519 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Chairman, Ootacamund Municipal Council, appointed one M.R.Ry. Krishnaswami Mudaliyar as the Water Works Supervisor from 1st April 1933;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Government were aware of the fact that the Chairman was going to make the said appointment on the strength of the provision contained in the Budget for 1933–34 and that no objection was raised by the Government regarding the legality or the validity of the provision in the Budget;

(*c*) whether the Government called for information from the Chairman, Ootacamund Municipal Council, regarding the qualification of Mr. Krishnaswami Mudaliyar after the appointment had been made;

(*d*) if the answer to clause (*c*) is in the affirmative, what the necessity for calling for information regarding the qualification of Mr. Krishnaswami Mudaliyar was;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that the Government after a lapse of more than four months after the appointment of Mr. Krishnaswami Mudaliyar called upon the Chairman to show cause why the appointment should not be cancelled on the ground that a mere provision in the Budget was not sufficient authority for the Chairman to make the appointment;

(*f*) whether the Chairman submitted his explanation and, if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table the entire correspondence on that subject;

(*g*) whether the Chairman informed the Government that he had taken legal opinion before making the appointment and requested the Government to get the opinion of the Advocate-General or any other law officer;

(*h*) if the answer to clause (*g*) is in the affirmative, whether the Government will be pleased to state why legal opinion was not taken by them especially in view of the fact that the Chairman, Ootacamund Municipal Council, had obtained legal opinion;